DODGE CITY, SATURDAY, FEB. 17.

THE UNITED STATES LAND OF FICE RULES OF PRACTICE.

A recent thorough revision of the rules of practice governing proceedings in contests before the land department, has been prom-ulgated, and took effect February 1st. For the information of our readers we note its lead n , and especially its new features.

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Contests on grounds other than abandonment can be institled by a party in interest only. The preliminary affidavit to be filed by contestants must fully and clearly set forth the facts which constitute the grounds of contest—especially in contesting timber culture enteries for abandonment each particular set required by law to be done, and which claimant has failed to d, must be distinctly enumerated, and alleged as a course of action.

Religious is problem.

Rule four is perhaps a little ambigu but probably means that in commencing can tests for confi ct. the affidavit of contestan alleging prior right, should be corroborated by at least one disinterested wi nesss.

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At least thirty days notice to contestee of the time and place set for the hearing must be given in every case—by personal service when possible, by advertisement in a county new paper in case contrate is a non-resident of the state, or is unknown—provided only that at the time of in tining the contest, contestent files an affidavi showing to the satisfacion of the register and receiver, that personal service cannot be made. Evidence of service endorsed on the face of the notice by the party served; or the affidiation of by the party served; or the affidiation of interested person, stating that a true and correct tops of the not ce was delivered to ennestee, and stating when and where. Evidence of service by publication must be the affidiation of other nestee, and stating when and where. Evidence of service by publication must be the affidiaty of the publisher or foreman of the nestee, and stating when and where seement attached.

Where notice is given by publication, a copy of the notice is given by publication, a copy of the notice is said be mailed, by registered letter, to the last known address of each peason to be notified, a like capy shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the land during the period of publication, for all least two weeks prior to the day set for the hearing. Proof of service abull be the affidavit of the person who mastled the notice, attached to the post-office receipt for the registered letter.

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Registers and receivers are now authorized to decide all contests heard before them; and, when they agree, their decision is final as to the faces involved, in less appealed from within thirty days after the parties in in crest have been duly notified thereof. All appeals must be written or pented; and must be fited with the register and receiver, to be by them forwarded to the homorable commissioner of the general land office.

A like appeal may be taken from any action or decision of the register and receiver, or either of them, in any case. istered letter.

Judg Orner, of Barbour county, has introduced a bill into the house, that of Senator Slass, in the senate, being its counterpart, to provide against the evasion by cattle men of the payment of takes on their herds. As it is now, men holding cattle in the southern and southwestern counties of the state drive them into the Indian Territory or moorganized counties about the first of March, taxpaying time, and after the Japec of thirty days or so drive them back again, thus getting out of the payment of taxes upon them, and causing the cost to these counties in taxes of thousands and them unds of delians. Judge Orner's bill provides that all cattle brought into a county before the first of Deember shall be subject to taxation, and in addition to this the bill provides penalties for talse awearing e.c.

From the wool circular of Walter Brown & Co, we make the following extrac: "We call the attention of grovers in those sections, such as Kansas, Colorado and the Western Territories, where the flicks have been largely increased during the past year by purchases of carse-wooled sheep, to the importance of improving the character; first, by obtaining a large fleece through the Coiswold cross, and then, by an infusion of pure Merino blood, securing a sound, even staple of good length and quality; the yield being more wool per head and a better marketable price than any other class.

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